

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (Currently amended) An umbrella comprising:

a shaft having a handle connected to a first end thereof, a runner movably mounted to the shaft;

a first cap and a second cap connected to a second end of the shaft, the first cap located closer than the second cap to the second end of the shaft;

a plurality of first ribs each having a first end ~~pivotably~~ pivotally connected to the second end cap and each first rib having a joint connected thereto, each joint having a first passage and a second passage, the first rib extending through the first passage, a plurality of second ribs each having a first end thereof ~~pivotably~~ pivotally connected to the first cap and a second end of each of the second ribs movably extending through the second passage, a main panel attached to the first ribs and having a hole with a center at the shaft, a section of the second end of each of the second ribs being overlapped on the main panel and a sub-panel attached to the second ribs and covering the hole in the main panel, and

a plurality of stretchers ~~pivotably~~ pivotally connected between the runner and the joints, each of the joints including two lugs between which an end of a corresponding one of the plurality of stretchers is pivotally connected.

Claim 2 (Cancelled).

Claim 3 (Currently amended) ~~An~~ The umbrella as claimed in claim 1,
~~wherein comprising:~~

a shaft having a handle connected to a first end thereof, a runner
movably mounted to the shaft;

a first cap and a second cap connected to a second end of the shaft, the
first cap located closer than the second cap to the second end of the shaft;

a plurality of first ribs each having a first end pivotally connected to the
second end cap and each first rib having a joint connected thereto, each joint
having a first passage and a second passage, the first rib extending through the
first passage, each of the joints includes an elongate body with the first passage
defined therethrough and a protrusion extends extending from a top of an end of
the joint and the second passage is being defined through the protrusion, a
plurality of second ribs each having a first end thereof pivotally connected to the
first cap and a second end of each of the second ribs movably extending through
the second passage, a main panel attached to the first ribs and having a hole with a

center at the shaft, a section of the second end of each of the second ribs being overlapped on the main panel and a sub-panel attached to the second ribs and covering the hole in the main panel; and

a plurality of stretchers pivotally connected between the runner and the joints

Claim 4 (Currently amended) ~~An~~ The umbrella as claimed in claim 1,
~~wherein~~ comprising:

a shaft having a handle connected to a first end thereof, a runner movably mounted to the shaft;

a first cap and a second cap connected to a second end of the shaft, the first cap located closer than the second cap to the second end of the shaft;

a plurality of first ribs each having a first end pivotally connected to the second end cap and each first rib having a joint connected thereto, each joint having a first passage and a second passage, the first rib extending through the first passage, a plurality of second ribs each having a first end thereof pivotally connected to the first cap and a second end of each of the second ribs movably extending through the second passage, a main panel attached to the first ribs and having a hole with a center at the shaft, a section of the second end of each of the second ribs being overlapped on the main panel and a sub-panel attached to the

second ribs and covering the hole in the main panel, each of the joints is being composed of an elongate body and a block which is located ~~in~~ separate from the elongate body, the first passage defined through the elongate body, the block including a through hole through which the first rib extends and the second passage through which the second rib extends; and
a plurality of stretchers pivotally connected between the runner and the joints.

Claim 5 (Original) The umbrella as claimed in claim 4, wherein the block is located between the elongate body and a connection position where the sub-panel is secured to the second ribs.